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FRANKFORT, KY – Today, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found SHERRY COLLINS of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Ms. Collins admitted to three counts of violating the Code of Ethics that occurred during the course of her employment as an Environmental Scientist III, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, Energy and Environment Cabinet. Specifically, during December 2016 through February 2017, Collins falsified mine inspections reports to reflect work that she did not perform and falsified timesheets regarding her regular work hours resulting in her falsely claiming hours she did not work.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Ms. Collins agrees to pay a \$4,500.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waives any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.